Medium of NDA Examinations

3745. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDA entrance examinations are held only in English and not in any other Indian languages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider nolding of this premier examination for armed forces at least in Hindi also; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) In the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission the question papers are printed only in English. The question papers for the examination are of objective type (multiple-choice) and the process of answering the same does not involve use of any language medium.

(b) to (d) Union Public Service Commission conduct the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination for admission to various Defence Academies strictly as per the notice for the examination which is finalised in consultation with the Ministry of Defence. The question of introduction of Hindi and other languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution as medium of various examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission including NDA examination was considered by Dr. Satish Chandra Committee appointed by the UPSC. Efforts are on to arrive at a consensus on this sensitive issue, based on the recommendations of the Committee.